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In a telephone conversation between James McPherson and the Examiner on August 12, 2003, the Examiner stated that despite the fact that the enclosed PCT and Canadian references were already cited, via a German counterpart patent, DE 199 02817A, submitted in a supplemental IDS on March 25, 2003, and only just discovered within days of submission of the previously filed supplemental IDS on August 7, 2003, that a new IDS and fee would still be required to have the references reviewed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this requirement and that the two enclosed counter-parts references to the previously submitted German patent be considered along with the other references cited in the IDS filed on August 7, 2003.

In the event that the Examiner is still of the opinion that an additional IDS and fee is still required to have the references reviewed, Applicants hereby submit this statement in

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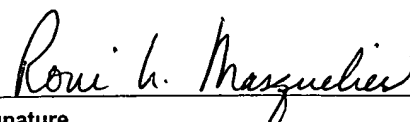
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accordance with this duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98 to cite items of information of which Applicants recently became aware. The submission made herewith is in no way intended as an admission that the cited items constitute material prior art or otherwise would render the claims unpatentable in any way. The submission also is in no way intended to substitute for the Examiner's own independent investigation.

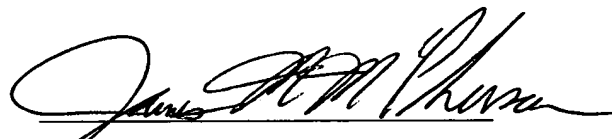
A copy of the references together with form PTO/SB/08A are submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited item and entry thereof into the record of this application.

No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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